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Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
September 22, 2010

I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Richard Brown, Ned Chester, Abby Commee-McCourt, Dalene Dutton, Jim Foss, Denise Giles, Jacinda Goodwin, Margaret Longsworth, Joan McDonald, Jim Morse, Dan Nichols, Shelley Reed, Jonathan Shapiro, Trish Shorey, Christine Thibeault, Paul Vestal and Patrick Walsh

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Barry DeLong, Nickole DeMerritt, Jamie Johnson, Hannah McMullen, Charles Laverdiere, Carla Mitchell-Knapp, Doug Patrick, Barry Stoodley, and Adam Royer

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Damon Lefferts, Elaine Brann

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M and welcomed the JJAG Members.

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the June 23rd meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the June 2010 Minutes

Moved: Mark Boger/Christine Thibeault 2nd.

Action: Approved

III. Chair Report:

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Paul announced that Noel Bonam would not be at the meeting to do his presentation because he became ill while in India and was not allowed to board the plane to come back to the U.S. Paul stated that Kathryn has received information from Noel and she will read it when she gives her report.

Paul discussed the upcoming elections of the JJAG Executive Team and stated that since the turnout at the October meeting at Mountain View would be light, suggested that the nomination and election of new officers be held at our January meeting.

There were many suggestions on when would be the best time to hold the elections. One suggestion was made that maybe it could be done electronically.

A motion was made by Denise Giles that we hold our election in January and Seconded by Jim Foss. Before the vote was taken, there was further discussion and suggestions on when to have the election. A suggestion was made that since many of the members were here at this meeting that we have the election of the officers today. Most members were in agreement. Paul then asked Denise Giles if she had any objection to retracting her motion and that a new motion be made to hold the election today. Denise stated that she had no objection and her motion was rescinded and a new motion was made.

Motion: That we cast a vote on the slate before us today.

Moved: Joan McDonald/Jim Foss 2nd.

Action: All in Favor – Passed

The next item that Paul had to discuss with the Committee Members was a request from Holly Stover from DHHS, asking that we fund her air travel and room so that she could attend the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's National DMC Training, October 23rd to the 25th in New Jersey. Paul explained her justification for this request and asked for comments from the committee.

Committee members had questions on whether or not this training would have any benefit for the JJAG and how this training could be tied into the JJAG as justification of the funding. Members agreed to fund her travel and hotel with the stipulation that DHHS pay her all other expenses.

Motion: That the JJAG approve air travel and hotel accommodations for Holly Stover with the stipulation that DHHS pay the registration fee and all other accommodations.

Moved: Jim Morse/Margaret Longworth 2nd

Action: Approved

The next issue that Paul brought before the committee was the Juvenile Justice Summit Group. Paul stated that he attended last month's meeting and gave a brief update on the goal of this committee. Paul then went on to express his concerns about major communications problems and not having input on some of the decisions that were made regarding the selection of districts and the Vista Volunteers. Paul also expressed concerns that when the members left the last meeting, they had been told they would be looking at establishing eight districts. Only 3 sites York, Cumberland/Oxford, Kennebec/Somerset were selected.

Shelley Reed explained that she had been working very closely with this group and explained how the districts and Vista Volunteers were selected. Shelley also explained that this process will occur in two phases. She also mentioned the Children's Cabinet and the contact people for further information, Chip Curry, (Vista Volunteers) Susan Savell and Lauren Sterling. Still unclear as to the structure. The agenda shifted from the Implementation Committee to the Shared Youth Vision Council.

Concerns were discussed over who is making decisions and who is setting the

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agenda. Also pointed out was that no mention was made regarding the Children's Cabinet as being the hub of developing the districts.

Paul stated that he will talk to Anne Haskell to get more information on the process and involvement of the committee and will have an update for JJAG members at the October meeting.

IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:

Kathryn explained that Noel Bonam had become ill while he was in India and could not board the plane to come back to the U.S., but he had e-mailed her his report. Kathryn read Noel's report to the members.

Kathryn met with the Chiefs of Police in Portland, South Portland and Biddeford and stated all expressed their willingness to work with us on the DMC initiative.

Kathryn discussed the Multi Cultural Training that Region I and Long Creek are working on to discuss what the issues are and what to do about them.

Kathryn met with some of the people who downloaded the CPS - RFP and explained the problems that they were having with the application process. Many felt that Ross Green wanted too much information. Kathryn stated that she has been working with Ross Green to make changes so that the application process will be simpler. The new RFP will be going out shortly.

Kathryn will be doing site visits and will e-mail everyone her schedule. SAG Training will be on November 19th. Courts, Corrections and Community Conference information will be sent out by e-mail. The next JJAG meeting will be on October 27 at Mountain View Youth Development Center and Kathryn asked if any of the members would like to ride together if she rented a van. Some of the members expressed their desire to do so and Kathryn will rent a van for that day.

V. Elections:

Paul asked Dick Brown if he would run the elections for the nomination of the Chair, Co-Chair and At-Large Executive Committee positions. Dick stated that he would and asked existing members if they were willing to serve in that same role. Shelley, Mark, Ned and Paul agreed to serve again.

Nomination for Chair: Jim Morse nominated Paul Vestal for Chair of the JJAG and expressed his thanks and recognition for the incredible work Paul has done.

Moved: Dan Nichols 2nd the nomination

Action: A vote was taken by a show of hands. Paul was approved as Chair of the JJAG.

Nomination for Vice-Chair: Joan McDonald nominated Ned Chester as Vice Chair of the JJAG.

Moved: Jim Morse 2nd.

Action: A vote was taken by a show of hands. Ned was approved as Vice-Chair of the JJAG.

Nomination for At-Large Member: Christine Thibeault nominated Shelley Reed as At-Large member of the JJAG.

Moved: Patrick Walsh 2nd

Action: A vote was taken by a show of hands. Shelley was approved as At-Large member of the JJAG.

Nomination for At-Large Member: Margaret Longworth nominated Mark Boger as At-Large member of the JJAG.

Moved: Denise Giles 2nd.

Action: A vote was taken by a show of hands. Mark was approved as At-Large member of the JJAG.

VI. Compliance Monitoring Report:

Damon Lefferts reported that things are going well so far. He stated that there are new police standards report forms for prisoner logs and transport logs.

Damon stated that he is working with the Connecticut JJAC to set up a Train the Trainer for Police Officers on how police are trained to respond and approach minority groups. Damon showed a video of that training and answered questions. There was a discussion on the cost, number of site locations and travel expenses. Also, a question was asked if officers who received the training could do the training for other groups. Damon responded that they could. Other concerns were if officers could commit three days to this training.

Kathryn will check with Valerie on a setting up a contract.

Inspections are almost done. Damon will be doing the Northern area next month. Damon stated that he has also developed a new standards sheet for inspections.

Motion: That we authorize up to \$15,000 for Law Enforcement Training with Stipulations.

- Memorandum of Agreement
- Fidelity to the design of the Program
- Evaluate what we do.

Moved: Christine Thibeault/Shelley Reed 2nd.

Action: Passed Unanimous

VII. Committee Reports:

Christine Thibeault – Legislative Committee – stated that there is Legislation around regarding juvenile competency. No leader, no sponsors and will take time for legislators to move that forward.

Patrick Walsh – Communications – praised the efforts of Dalene Dutton's display ad to achieve her programs through the JJAG in the Mid-Coast. Nice standard for other programs to follow. Patrick also stated that he was asked to prepare a report for the DOC in-house newsletter and will follow through on that. Patrick brought up the issue of the Annual Report and inquired as to whether or not to continue with the existing format or come up with a new one. He also stated that the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice wants to change its recommendations on the selection of representatives from each state. He will get more information for the October meeting.

Before the committee adjourned, Jim Morse brought up the recent newspaper article regarding the Madison School Board's policies on the readmission of students who have been expelled from school. Jim stated that he and Shelley Reed are working on the expulsion and truancy laws to set up some guidelines on readmitting kids back into school.

Mark Boger handed out an article regarding the new Juvenile Interstate Compact and asked that he be added to the agenda to discuss the changes.

Mark will be added to the December agenda.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

The next meeting will be October 27, 2010 at Mountain View Youth Development Center from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.